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To whom it may concern:

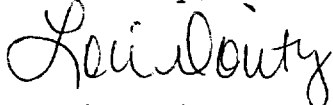
My name is Lori. I am a member of API (Animal Protection Institute). I am writing today to let you know that I am against any xeno-transplant research. My reasons for this are as follows: Responsible health authorities would ban all xenotransplants outright, regardless of the species, particularly because of the threats of inter-species virus transmission.

Pigs are being considered as the source animal of choice for xeno-transplants. But there is no evidence that pigs are any safer than nonhuman primate viruses. The U.S. should follow Europe's lead.

In January 1999, the Council of Europe, representing 40 European countries, recommended a world-wide ban on xenotransplants.

There are safer and more humane alternatives to xenotransplantation, such as aggressively promoting preventive medicine and increasing human organ donation rates. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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